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SUBJECT: PRO-GOVERNMENT PAPER URGES SADC EFFORTS IN

ANGOLA

¶1. Under the title "Angola peace initiative: Now or never" the independent, pro-government "The Daily Mirror" dedicated its September 30 editorial to urging SADC leaders meeting in Luanda, Angola this week to work towards long-lasting peace in the country.

Excerpts:

¶2. ". . . SADC leaders meeting in Luanda are being beseeced to realize the urgency and earnest (sic) with which they should treat the issue of bringing about lasting peace to Angola. . . The tragedy of Africa, willingly or unwittingly, has been to be more than ready to suck itself into meaningless conflicts that would have been sparked by trivial and retrogressive differences. The West, which to a very large extent gloated on the sidelines and fanned the flames of the wars, has benefited from those conflicts and has not been in a hurry to facilitate a stop to the maiming, raping and killing of brother by brother. . . Even though in our African way we never celebrate the death of a person no matter how bad that person might have been, it can be said with confidence that the death of Jonas Savimbi early this year removed most of the barriers to the peace seeking process in that country. . . It is the responsibility of SADC to spread the gospel of peace and to argue for the need to exploit the abundant resources that have for a very long time gone to waste as we spent more time at each other's throat."

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